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With support from her Kappa Chapter sisters, Jennifer Oldham Bertrand won the third season of HGTV's *Design Star* competition.



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KAPPA ALPHA THETA MISSION STATEMENT

YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW, KAPPA ALPHA THETA EXISTS TO NURTURE EACH MEMBER THROUGHOUT HER COLLEGE AND ALUMNAE EXPERIENCE AND TO OFFER LIFELONG OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND MORAL GROWTH AS SHE MEETS THE HIGHER AND BROADER DEMANDS OF MATURE LIFE.

HOME AGAIN

I live in a small town. I live in Indianapolis, which comprises more than two million other people and covers more than 360 square miles, but it is still a small town. At least, the portion of the city in which I live is a small town.

From my house, I can walk to a grocery store, a drug store, a post office, and my bank. I am also within easy walking distance of the two grade schools and one high school I attended, not to mention my college, Butler University.

Considering my home's proximity to my alma mater, it would be natural to assume that I at least return to campus for homecoming every year. For various reasons, however, that isn't usually the case. But this year was different.

This year marked the 25th anniversary (Yikes.) of my class's graduation. Since silver anniversaries are pretty big deals, eight of us "Gamma girls" converged on the chapter facility on a cold October Saturday.

Despite my desultory homecoming attendance, this was not my first return to the chapter in 25 years. Still, it's always amusing to compare and contrast the present with the past, and—even with repeat viewings—it is especially amazing how much better the baby grand piano in the living room looks. The color has been returned to its original wood stain, rescued from its early '80s red lacquer finish. And the new snack kitchen, constructed on the site of the old phone booths (Because who needs land lines any more?), is just brilliant.

One of my friends has a daughter who is a sophomore in the chapter, and it was especially fun to visit her room. As I stepped out of her door, though, I noticed the composite on the opposite wall. I confess to feeling a bit like Alice down the rabbit hole when I noticed that it was the composite from our junior year! "We look just the same," someone murmured. Perhaps I was wearing my rose-colored glasses, but I think that—minus the cowl-necked

sweaters, bow-necked blouses, and feathered bangs—we all actually look better than we did back in the day.

Leaving the chapter facility, we wandered over to the stadium, where the football game was about to begin. Unwilling to break with tradition (We usually didn't attend the games even when we were students.), we chatted in the parking lot and then headed off-campus in search of something warm for lunch.

I think that the feeling I had this homecoming, a feeling of—quite literally—coming home, is what Kappa Alpha Theta promises each of us. She promises us that a quarter century of time passed doesn't really matter and that the qualities that make us sisters never really change. She promises that we can always go home again.

Judging by the number of photographs that are submitted to *The Magazine*, I am not the only Theta who becomes sentimental on the occasion of a reunion. Please turn to page 12 for a large collection of happy-Theta-gatherings photos.

Founders Day is a traditional time for Thetas to get together, and the Fraternity president traditionally offers a Friendship Fund message in commemoration of our founding. You can find Katie Busby's 2009 message on page 9.

And if you're intrigued by the smiling face on our cover, please turn to page 16 to learn more about Theta's very own Design Star. Her first television show will air on HGTV on New Year's Day.

Speaking of the new year, best wishes for a happy 2009.

Loyally,

Liz Appel Rinck

Liz Appel Rinck, Editor
Γ/Butler

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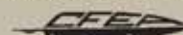
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NEW ALUMNAE CHAPTERS

Congratulations to the Hinsdale (Ill.), Lafayette-Acadiana (La.), Northeastern Pennsylvania, and Columbia Area (SC) Alumnae Chapters, which were granted charters by Grand Council in 2008. More information about joining and starting an alumnae chapter is available at www.kappaalphatheta.org.

MILESTONE YEARS

The Fraternity headquarters staff comprises 22 people, 68 percent of whom have worked for Theta for more than five years! This year, Betsy Corridan, executive director, celebrated 25 years on staff; Kelley Hurst, director of chapter services, marked 20 years on staff, and Jeff Rinck, assistant director of administration/systems administrator, celebrated his tenth staff anniversary.

ΔΣ/BALL STATE

It is with deep sadness that Kappa Alpha Theta announces the closing of the Delta Sigma Chapter at Ball State University, effective December 31, 2008.

Our goal in Kappa Alpha Theta is to provide the finest and most rewarding membership experience, and we also strive to support our members to learn, grow, and excel. Circumstances at the Delta Sigma Chapter are not the fault of the current members but are, rather, a culmination of many issues. The support of Delta Sigma alumnae was a true demonstration of Theta sisterhood and a positive example to the current membership, who made sincere efforts to improve the health of their chapter.

For 38 years, the Delta Sigma Chapter has contributed quality members who continue to be a strength to Kappa Alpha Theta.

ZZ/COLGATE

On September 20, 2008, Grand Council voted unanimously to close the Zeta Zeta Chapter at Colgate University. Destructive and dangerous behavior on the part of active chapter members had led university administrators to suspend the chapter. Since this behavior also constituted serious violations of Fraternity policies and is contrary to the Fraternity's basic prin-

ciples, Grand Council believes that closing the chapter was necessary to uphold our standards and send a clear message that irresponsible conduct will not be tolerated.

Please note that chapter members have been instructed that all information concerning the chapter closure is confidential. For nearly 20 years, the Zeta Zeta Chapter has contributed quality members who continue to be a strength to Kappa Alpha Theta.

WEAR YOUR BADGE WITH PRIDE

International Panhellenic Badge Day, March 2, 2009, is an annual effort sponsored by the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) and Herff

Jones Greek Division to encourage fraternity women to celebrate their Greek affiliations by wearing their badge or letters.

By wearing letters or badges, fraternity members can encourage questions and discussion about the Greek system. We can promote the lifetime opportunities for friendship, learning, and service that Theta provides. More information about Badge Day is available at www.npcwomen.org.



REUNIONS ANNOUNCED EZ/MISSISSIPPI

Welcome home, all members of Epsilon Zeta! Please come see new additions to the facility, reconnect with old friends, and meet some new ones. Mark your calendars for March 27-29, 2009. We promise you'll leave with wonderful new memories you'll treasure along with those you made in college. If you haven't received any information yet, know of a "lost" chapter member, or have general questions, please contact Ardith Morrison Morgan (Ardimorgan@bellsouth.net, 901-651-8599) or Mary Pegg Moreton (mpmoreton@hotmail.com, 662-236-3895).

AM/MISSOURI

Save the Date: April 24-26 in Columbia, Mo., a Theta reunion for all Mizzou sisters. Events will include dinner Saturday night at the Hilton Garden Inn, chapter facility visits, decade gatherings and lunches, and more! For further information, visit www.mizzoutheta100.com.

Contact Mindy (Ruff) Mazur (573.301.8579), Carissa Havens (573.356.3343) or Robin Wenneker (314.963.6346). You can also email the committee, MizzouTheta100@gmail.com.

PLANNING A REUNION?

If you are trying to locate Thetas from your chapter for a reunion, place a reunion notice in *The Magazine*! Send a brief notice to Reunions, *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Be sure to include a contact name, phone number, and e-mail address.

Notices for reunions to be held May through July must be received by January 31; for August through October, received by April 11; for November through January, received by July 11; and for February through April, by October 23.

WHAT'S NEW?

Is there an upcoming event, open volunteer position, or some exciting news you'd like to share with other Thetas? Submit your item of interest to the What's New section of the Theta website! Simply send an e-mail to webmaster@kappaalphatheta.org; please include your name and chapter of affiliation with each submission.

WRITE TO US!

Do you have a comment about an article in this or any other issue of *The Magazine*? Do you have a Theta issue on your mind? Then let us hear from you! We are pleased to receive letters from our readers; we value your input.

Letters to *The Magazine* may be sent via mail (Liz Rinck, Kappa Alpha Theta, 8740 Founders Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268), fax (317-876-1925), or e-mail (lrinck@kappaalphatheta.org). ♦

LOST AND FOUND

Editor's note: Two Thetas contacted Fraternity headquarters in the same week; one had found a badge, and one had lost a badge. We were thrilled to discover that it was the same badge and are pleased to print this letter explaining the story.

Kelly Ball, Alpha Xi/Oregon, called me today, and I mailed her badge to her in Oregon this afternoon.

Kelly had come to Washington, DC, where I live, to enjoy her friend's wedding. She lent her beautiful Theta badge to her dear friend to wear inside the hem of her wedding gown with the warning, "If you lose it, I'll kill you."

The bride and groom had some wedding photos taken at the Smithsonian Castle, the headquarters of the Smithsonian system of museums. Just before the ceremony, Kelly and the bride discovered that the precious badge was missing. They cried but vowed to take care of it later.

Kelly contacted the Smithsonian the following Monday, but without a positive result. Then I literally walked into the picture.

After 30 years in the corporate world, I left my career behind to pursue a master's degree in the history of decorative arts, offered by the Smithsonian and Corcoran College of Art. Now in my third semester, I was rushing into a class held in the building next to the Smithsonian Castle on Tuesday when I noticed a familiar shape on the sidewalk. It was a Theta badge just like the one I proudly wore at DePauw University so many years ago.

Once I had deciphered the inscription on the back, I contacted headquarters, just as Kelly had done. We had a delightful conversation today! I told her what luck she had because every Wednesday the huge sidewalk cleaners come through; one day later and the badge would have been sucked up and gone forever.

This is a great story of how Theta connections are alive, and we are always looking out for our sisters. Thank you for connecting us.

PEGGY MEANS NEWMAN
A/DEPAUW

NOTABLE THETA

Thank you so **very** much for your

article about the talented and dedicated Dr. Julia Link Roberts ("Through the Years," Autumn 2007). Since I received my master's degree from WKU in elementary education with a gifted and talented endorsement, Dr. Roberts has been a role model to me as an educator. We share a passion for learning and teaching others—how exciting it is to also find that we share a sisterhood through Theta. Dr. Roberts was certainly **not** "destined to be silent" and ... my, oh my ... how many people have benefitted from her advocacy for gifted students!

JENNIFER KING HAYDEN
PI/KENTUCKY

CIRCA 1964

Imagine my surprise when looking over the Spring 2008 edition of the Theta magazine to see a photograph of me, along with Diane Partridge, on page 29. *[Editor's note: The photo illustrates an article about the Foundation, which funds a portion of the educational leadership consultant program.]* In fact I almost missed it as I was reading the text!

A little background: The picture was taken around August 1964 at the University of Utah chapter house as our first ELC "job" that year was in assisting with the colonization of a new Theta chapter at the university. I believe that we were there about a month before we headed off individually to our assigned chapters for the remainder of the year: Diane covered primarily the Midwest and Deep South, and I covered the East Coast, California, Southwest, Texas, Oklahoma, and then finished at the University of Montana and Oregon State. Diane and I also returned to Salt Lake City that winter for initiation.

Some memories: My husband commented on the big red plaid suitcase, which we gave away not long ago. We ELCs (titled traveling secretaries then) had to carry a four month's supply of clothes, plus—in a smaller suitcase—all of our supplies, documents, etc. There were no suitcases on wheels then, nor did we have computers. We had to rely on manual typewriters provided for our use by the chapters. I also remember that black suit since pants were not acceptable business apparel during the mid-sixties.

Memory tidbits: autumn in New England; Thanksgiving with college friends in New York City; minus 60 degrees in Edmonton, Alberta, in December; spending spring break with a wonderful Theta family in Texas; and most of all, enjoying the company of so many wonderful Thetas, both students and alumnae.

My traveling secretary experience not only tweaked my interest in travel, but also prepared me for my adult life as a spouse, parent, and teacher, as well as for volunteer work in other organizations. I retired after 34-plus years as a secondary teacher and department administrator and am enjoying what I call "flex time," including traveling, snow skiing, and whatever sounds appealing!

SUZANNE WHITACRE
AS/WASHINGTON STATE

RECALLING CONVENTION

What serendipity! I just happened to log onto Theta's website a minute ago and saw an "On This Day..." note about Grand Convention in 1972.

Coincidentally, I had woken up this morning thinking about our chapter's delegates who are heading to Florida in a week (wishing I could be there) and I started fondly reminiscing about the only Grand Convention I've ever been to: this one at beautiful Wentworth-by-the-Sea when I was my chapter's president.

As a native southern Californian, I went to my first clambake there, enjoyed the beauty of a venerable hotel older than any I'd ever seen, and came back to my chapter bursting with the inspiration and enthusiasm Convention creates. I still remember wishing that all my sisters could have been there with me to catch the "Theta for a lifetime" passion and pride that Convention instills. Thank you for putting this date on the screen; you brought back many happy memories.

Here's wishing life-long memories to our newest and youngest delegates! Convention changes you forever. Enjoy!

BECKY CARVER ADAMS
O/USC

FOR A LIFETIME

Moving to New York City has been the single hardest thing I have ever

done in my life. Going away to college was pie. But moving cross-country has been more like a really complicated soufflé.

I joined Kappa Alpha Theta in 2002 at UC Davis and became immediately involved. I lived in the house for three years and was an officer every term possible. I also found it my mission to be a campus tour guide to get potential students to go Greek. My college life revolved around "Theta Land."

I had a lot of best friends in the chapter, but two stuck out the most: Trish and Angela. We formed a bond that has proven unbreakable.

After graduation, Angela, Trish, and I lived together for a short time before they moved on to San Francisco to be with my other Theta friends, and I stayed in the area to work in politics. We saw each other every four or five weeks and were in constant communication, even at a distance.

When my boyfriend and I decided to move cross-country, to a big city, to a place I had visited only once, I was worried about not having my best friends at my side. The first month I was here was awful. I was lonely and sad and scared and felt even further away than I really was (only thousands of miles, and counting). Another Zeta Nu was in the area visiting family and came into the city to see me one weekend. After listening to me whine about my situation for the length of a *Sex and the City* tour, she told me to quit crying and get in touch with the local alumnae chapter.

The next week, I got in touch with the local alumnae presidents and sent out a message through an e-mail forum. I *immediately* had five or six Thetas contact me with their own stories of loss in the big city and the homesickness they experienced from being away from their own sisters. I met several for social events and became very good friends with a few others. What was amazing about meeting all those women was that we had similar stories to tell, diverse personalities, and senses of humor that transcend age. Some of us even had Theta friends in common or had visited each other's chapters!

It is because of the networks Theta provides on a national level that I am

finally happy in this big, crazy city. I am meeting new people and finding that I am forming a safety net here on the East Coast, so far away from my best friends in the City by the Bay. Saying "Theta for a lifetime" can sound horribly cheesy, but in reality, for me, it is a big thank goodness.

ASHLEY ROBINSON
ZNU/UC DAVIS

WEBSITE FAN

Last fall, I was appointed the new educational district director in District III, and I am thrilled to be back in the Theta fold, after a many-year hiatus.

I have been surfing the Theta website for about a week now and have been heard telling anyone who will listen that "... there are small, industrialized nations that aren't this organized!"

The website is beyond outstanding! Every time I have a question, another click or two, and there is the answer! It's one of the most straight-forward, easy-to-follow sites I've ever been on, and all the while chock-full of useful information.

JOAN MACDONALD KREIGER
AT/OHIO STATE

CORE VALUES

I am what university administrators describe as a "returning student" or "adult learner." I wasn't aware of this dubious distinction until recently, when I elected to take a class for certification as an emergency medical technician (EMT) at the University of Richmond.

I hadn't given any thought to my age difference (I am 50 and the father of four college-aged adults) to that of the typical undergraduates who made up the majority of the class, until we were asked to choose our partners for the class. These partners are more than just practice partners; your partner will typically be the one with whom you take the Virginia certification exam, so it is important that you pick someone with whom you will work comfortably.

I had just begun to worry that I would not have a partner at all, since most of the other students came already paired, when to my very pleasant surprise, I was introduced by our instructor to Miss Katie Buskirk. Katie, who is one of your Kappa Alpha Theta sisters, was immediately so

polite, pleasant, and friendly. I was relieved and energized to have such a thoughtful and obviously bright young lady with whom to learn and practice our EMT procedures.

The EMT class breezed by, and every time that Katie and I were called upon to demonstrate a procedure, Katie was always prepared and performed her tasks in a professional manner. One would have thought that she had been an EMT for years, considering the alacrity with which she executed each maneuver.

Within days of our Virginia EMT certification exam, disaster struck. I developed the symptoms classically attributed to stomach cancer. I went through a series of tests over the next two weeks and ended up in the hospital for surgery.

To my relief, the symptoms had been caused by a gall stone blocking a bile duct, a condition that, had it gone untreated, would have destroyed my liver. However, the stone was found and removed without complication and I am well on the road to recovery.

While I was in the hospital, my devoted EMT partner, Katie, had to take the state exam on her own and go through the practical evaluation solo. I felt awful about not being there for her. However, from all accounts, she and my other classmates did a fine job on all aspects of the exam.

Today, in typical fashion for Katie, I received a note from her that was full of encouragement for me to get better soon. Being thoughtful, positive, and encouraging of others to persevere in the face of adversity are doubtless part of Katie's core values; values that I am sure have been reinforced through her association with Kappa Alpha Theta at the University of Richmond. I think that Katie Buskirk is a shining example of the very best of our young women in America today.

Miss Buskirk's thoughtfulness and concern for the well-being of others reflects great credit on her and on Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity.

WARM REGARDS,
J. TYLER BALLANCE



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RECENTLY AT KAΘ: Our website has a new look!

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Fraternity Housing Corporation

Learn more about the FHC and its current projects, access housing-related resources, and learn more about Facility Corporation Services.



New Photos

We've updated all our site photos, and they've all come from YOU! You may submit personal and chapter photos for website consideration via PhotoZone, found on the home page.



Updated Clip Art

For the exclusive use of all members. The new visual identity and *Visual Standards Guide* are also online!



Our Website Has a New Look!

The functionality and navigation remain the same, and now our website has a fresh new appearance. This redesign reflects a new brand identity for Kappa Alpha Theta.

Each year Thetas across the world pause in their busy lives to gather together and celebrate the founding of our Fraternity. Founders Day gives us the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of our membership. What does Kappa Alpha Theta mean to you?

Theta may be your home away from home; Theta sisterhood may have provided you with lifelong friendships; Theta membership may have afforded you opportunities that enabled you to achieve your goals. For many of us, Kappa Alpha Theta is all of this and more.

Founders Day and Friendship Fund Message 2009



The vision and leadership demonstrated by Bettie Locke, Alice Allen, Bettie Tipton, and Hannah Fitch never ceases to amaze me. These outstanding women recognized dedication, intelligence, and commitment in one another and understood the potential of college women who would follow in their footsteps. Our founders continue to serve as role models to us, and the promises they made 139 years ago continue to be the same promises we hold true today.

Currently we face challenging and uncertain times. However, during this uncertainty, the love and support we share as members of Kappa Alpha Theta remains constant. Now more than ever, Thetas have an opportunity to express that love and support in a tangible way through contributions to the Friendship Fund.

Foundation President Wendy Goshert and I appreciate your continued support of the Friendship Fund. Your donation fulfills a promise to serve and care for our sisters who are experiencing catastrophic illness, natural disaster, financial distress, and urgent family crisis. By contributing to this fund, we can help a sister in need and tangibly demonstrate that Kappa Alpha Theta means sisters helping sisters during the most difficult times. This Founders Day, let us recommit ourselves to the promises of intellectual growth, the widest influence for good, and love through our words and our actions.

We trace the beginning of the Friendship Fund to the 1924 Grand Convention, when a young alumna, Rachel Sumner Poole, Chi/Syracuse, spoke of a Theta in dire need and asked if

there was any fund from which the Fraternity could aid her. In response, a committee was formed and recommended the establishment of the Friendship Fund at the 1926 Convention; a few months later, Grand Council suggested starting the fund through contributions at Founders Day celebrations.

An important ongoing tradition is the secrecy surrounding the giving of gifts from the fund. Two members write on behalf of a sister, and the Friendship Fund committee determines the award amount. The requesters remain anonymous, and all records are confidential.

Today most contributions to the Friendship Fund continue to be made through Founders Day gifts, but are welcome any time of the year. This year's Friendship Fund theme,



"Project Love," is designed to encourage each Theta to make a contribution of equal value to something in which we typically indulge ourselves, as our sisters in need are not able to enjoy such luxuries.

The Friendship Fund is under the management of the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, so all gifts to it are tax-deductible. Checks, made out to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation with "Friendship Fund" noted on the memo line, may be sent to Foundation Headquarters, 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

— Loyally, Katie Busby, PhD, EZ/Mississippi, Fraternity President

SNAPSHOTS



As a member of the Canadian delegation and a tennis competition official, **Polina Konstantinova**, BY/British Columbia, was able to take part in the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Konstantinova attended the opening ceremonies and officiated at the Olympic tennis event, an experience she says she will always remember.



Mallory Trosper, AM/Missouri, has been elected chairman of the National Junior Angus Association Board of Directors. Trosper will join 11 other junior members on the board.



Felicia Henderson, BP/Duke, has been appointed International Council in Debevoise & Plimpton LLP's Paris office. Henderson, whose practice focuses on advising corporations and private equity funds in cross-border mergers, has been a member of the firm's corporate department since 1997.

Boston University Law School students **Noemi Kawamoto**, HA/-; and **Jill Hamers**, O/USC, met while serving as senior editors of the *Boston University Law Review*, and became fast friends after learning that they were Theta sisters.



Melissa Csuhran, Z2/Ohio Northern, was elected 2007-2008 National President of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA). As president, Csuhran led the PRSSA during its 40th Anniversary, launched the Public Relations Student

International Coalition website and hosted the first annual PRSSA Leadership Rally. Under her direction, the PRSSA approved its first international chapter at the Universidad Argentina de la Empresa.

Washington & Jefferson announced the recipient of its first-ever Outstanding Young Alumni Award, **Epsilon Omega Chapter** alumnae **Lynn Bialowas-McGoey**. She was chosen in recognition of her professional accomplishments as a medical researcher on Alzheimer's disease and for her community service, in which she is a committed Autism advocate.



The Minnesota Speech Language Hearing Association gave its Lifetime Achievement Award to **Diane Barber Sineps**, Y/Wisconsin, based on her dedicated commitment to the practice for more than 45 years and her continued support of the profession.



Gamma/Butler senior members attended a senior service, which was put together for them by the **Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter**. Pictured are (back) **Kristina Kuestner**, **Mackenzie Murnane**, **Kate Fuson Fuelberth**, **Leslie Freischlag**, **Sarah Kittle**, **Shawna Kennedy**, **Elise Hiers Michalek**, **Sarah Warburton**, (front) **Sheila Seedhouse**, **Kara Albert**, **Aubrey Waldoock**, **Nicki Parsons**, and **Elizabeth Starling**.



Deborah Smith Laboone, ΔE/North Carolina, had the pleasure of meeting 98-year-old **Elwood Miller**, A/DePauw, at the Raleigh Court Health Care Center, where Miller has been a resident for many years. The women reminisced about their Theta memories and even shared the grip.



Four Theta alumnae in Austin, Texas, came together at "A Day to Shine: Prom Fashions Morning to Night." A fashion show benefiting the National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline, the event raised more than \$30,000, and featured **Jaslene Gonzalez**, season-eight winner of *America's Next Top Model*, who spoke about her own experience in an abusive relationship. Pictured are **Kate Normile McNair**, ΔK/LSU; **Carolyn Rubano Krawczyk**, BI/Colorado; **Jaslene Gonzales**; **Meredith Johnson Landry**, BI/Colorado State; and **Julie Sewell Stevenson**, BN/Florida State.



Members of **Gamma Chapter at Butler** and the **Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter** joined to form the Kites for the Fight Race for the Cure team. The women raced to support **Courtney Bayse Ercan**, Γ/Butler, who is battling breast cancer and raising a young family.

ALUMNAE



Lacey Storer, Lara Hastings, and Kate Collings, members of the 2001 new member class from Delta Eta Chapter at Kansas State, met up at the 11th

Annual Crawl for Cancer fund-raiser in Kansas City, Mo.



Jenny Maddux Stenberg, Courtney Taylor and Natalie Hatch, all AH/Vanderbilt, celebrate Taylor's recent engagement.



Members of Gamma Chapter at Butler held a Trick or Treat event at the Chapter facility for alumnae and their children.



Drew Bangert, AO/Texas, met *Today Show* host Meredith Vieira during her summer honors internship with the National Press Office at FBI Headquarters in Washington, DC. Bangert was able

to meet Vieira and many other national news correspondents during her internship and was also involved in an *America's Most Wanted* segment that aired across the country.



Alpha Omicron alumnae Katie Brandon (left) and Morgan Hudson Baker (right) ran in the annual 5K race organized by the Gamma Psi Chapter at TCU.

While there, the women ran into fellow Oklahoma alumna and Fraternity Vice-President Public Relations Kimi Martin.

Kathy Erdel Beykirch, AM/Missouri, and Kate Witterholt Koenig, IT/Tulsa, spent a week together in London during the summer of 2008. The women had a fantastic time on the trip, including a stop at William Shakespeare's birthplace in Stratford-on-Avon.



Palo Alto Alumnae Chapter members Carol Stenberg McPadden, A/Vermont; Jeanne Straube, IP/UC Santa Barbara; Barbara Longinotti Brennan, IΞ/San Jose State; Judith Young Doty, AM/Missouri; Sandra Ellington Overton, O/USC; Julie Vance Keller, AX/Purdue; Maryann Kenady Schatz, AX/Purdue; Eugenie Madden Watson, IX/Fresno State; Gloria Seddelmeyer Edwards, AX/Purdue; Mildred Norwine Root, AI/Washington-St. Louis; and Carolyn Gray Snyder, IX/Fresno State meet several times annually as a bridge group. During this outing, which was held at McPadden's home in Half Moon Bay, Calif., the women shared lunch, a walk along the ocean, and—of course—a little bridge.



Dallas Alumnae Chapter members and Beta Sigma Chapter at SMU alumnae Jane DeFord, Carol Coleman Smith, Yvonne Erwin Work took a day trip to Granbury, Texas, to see *All Shook Up*, a Broadway blockbuster hit. The trip was one of many Theta Trippers outings held by the alumnae chapter.



Marcie Willem Gagnon, AΩ/Pittsburgh; Jessica Rannow Flasche, Ψ/Wisconsin; and Kari Gustafson, AΠ/North Dakota, attended the Columbus Alumnae Chapter's annual Poinsettia Sale.



Members of the Chattanooga Alumna Chapter visited Connie Meyer Way, AΦ/Tulane, a 75-year Theta who lives just outside of Chattanooga. Way joined the women in lunch, showed them around her town, and had them over to her house for ice cream. Pictured are Ellen Espy Blocker, ΔΠ/Tennessee; Judy Walton Comer, ΓO/Auburn, Way, Debbie Wendolkowski Godbold, ΔΠ/Tennessee, and Tiffany Patterson Holland, ΓΨ/Texas Christian.



The Grosse Pointe Alumnae Chapter hosted the Birmingham Alumnae Chapter for a tour of the Junior League of Detroit 2008 Showhouse. This is the fourth straight year that the east- and west-side Detroit area alumnae chapters have held joint events. In attendance were (back) Lorna Gless Utley,

AX/Purdue; Mary Szymanski Tindall, BΠ/Michigan State; Lynn Thomas Macumber, ΓZ/Connecticut; Barbara Najar Ennis, BΠ/Michigan State; Sharlene Gage, BΘ/Idaho; Mary Lou Straith Duncan, BΠ/Michigan State; Marsha Tharinger Becka, AΠ/North Dakota; Carole Wood Gorenflo, AX/Purdue; (front) Carol Byrne Krieg, Π/Albion; Jean Pearson Hammer, H/Michigan; Joan Harris Brackenbury, BΠ/Michigan State; Judy Westphal Waggoner, H/Michigan; and Susie Ashenfelter Carpenter, AX/Purdue.



Reunions



1 Nearly three dozen **Beta Xi Chapter** alumnae gathered for a weekend slumber party at the **UCLA** facility in late July. New member classes from 1967-1970 returned to their former home to reminisce on their great Theta memories and, in doing so, raised \$3,500 for the chapter.

2 Nine alumnae of the 1964 class of **Alpha Nu Chapter** at **Montana** gathered for a July 2008 reunion weekend in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. Present at the reunion were **Karla Chandler Bailey, Marilou Dwyer Lewis, Rosalie Gynn Alford, Gwen Calvin Letson, Marg Doyle Conway, Cathy Ryan Bower, Ilo Viestenz Murphy, Juanita Kellogg Prewett, and Joan Bachman Kuklenski.**

3 The 1955 initiate class from **Beta Pi Chapter** at **Michigan State** reunited for four days at Madeline Island, situated along Lake Superior in LaPointe, Wisc. The group has met every three to five years since graduation. Pictured are (back) **Caryle Steffee Merrill, Polly Palen Elder, Donna Reuling Gainer, Jane Sterling Friesema, Marcia Kierland Henry, Lynn Campbell Head, (front) Kathy Arnold Frakes and Sherla Jennings Alberola.**

4 Nine members of the 1969 graduating class of **Alpha Sigma Chapter** at **Washington State** met for their 10th annual reunion.

5 Members of the 1993 and 1994 initiate classes of **Alpha Omicron Chapter** at **Oklahoma** met for a reunion weekend in Norman, Okla.

6 Alumnae of **Beta Chapter** at **Indiana**, **Sharon Nulf Matthew, Ann Savage Blackmer, Carol Collins Templeton, Libby Matthew Cieciera, Kay Kendall Welsch, and Joan Erickson Whalen** gathered in June at the Bloomington campus to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation.

7 Alumnae of the 1952 new members class of **Gamma Xi Chapter** at **San Jose State** met for their biannual luncheon at Bistro Jeanty in Yountville, Calif. Pictured are **Patty Doherty Hjelm, Sugie Vincent Depuy, Arden Tree Woolf, Barbara Roland Smith, Shirley Allen Douglas, Ginger Anderson Birdsall and Barbara Taylor Morgan.**

8 After 20 years, **Alpha Gamma** alumnae from **The Ohio State University** reunited during a weekend in Washington, DC. Pictured are (front) **Susie Beery Clark, Ellen McVay Spangler, Sheila Szabo, Jenny Rudy Ostendorf, (back) Susan McVay Vanderver, Liz Martin Tinkham, Sue Mestrovic Blaeser, Marilu Pfeiffer Moye, Diane Francis Souder, Karen McMillen O'Leary, and Colleen Conry.**

9 (Back) **Mary Jo Mohlman Risk, Dottie Westhafer Crebo, Jill Jinkinson Moore, Sue Hartle Wroblewski, Judy Schaper Webster, (middle) Sandra Schultz McFarland, Margo Martindale Simmons, Connie Corson Griffiths, Susan Dalenberg Kessler, (front) Barb Keenan Brock, Jan Schultz, Linda Markins Sorensen,** all members of the 1960 initiate class of **Alpha Chi Chapter** at **Purdue**, met in Chicago to celebrate 48 years of sisterhood and friendship.

10 Six members of the 1971 initiate class of **Alpha Chapter** at **DePauw** convened in West Baden, Ind., for a reunion weekend. The women shared memories, called other members of their initiate class who were unable to attend, and made plans for the next reunion! Pictured are **Ann Ramsdell Midkiff, Susan Grantham, Cathy East Early, Karen Temple Fisher, Toni Alles, and Jan Temple.**

11 Nineteen **Alpha Eta** sisters from **Vanderbilt** met for a reunion in Nashville. Pictured are **Julie Harrington Branstetter, Betsy Pantzer Wilder, Tricia Burt Masterson, Mary Adamson Edwards, Carroll Wommack Andrews, Mimi Cosgrove Olson, Macon Paxton Ivy, Mary Phil Hamilton Illges, Marjorie Tillman Sennett, Maura Sheldon Montgomery, Lynn Stichter Pearce, Nancy Perot**



Mulford, Louise Osborne Lauber, Sarah Hunter Morgan, Margot Bell Roberts, Mary Floye Federer, Tori Thomas Mannes, Lisa Gruy Brandt, and Miriam Atkinson Smith.

12 **Gamma Pi Chapter** at **Iowa State** celebrated its 60th year on campus with a reunion of initiates of all ages and from across the country. The chapter's founding members were also in attendance. A wonderful time was had by all!

13 More than 100 alumnae of **Beta Nu Chapter** at **Florida State**, initiated between 1962 and 1972, gathered at the university for a June reunion weekend. Activities included a traditional Friday "Rowdy Night" dinner at the chapter facility, a chapter meeting in which ritual was reviewed, a campus bus tour and a formal banquet and memorial service at Florida State's University Center Club. The reunion has reconnected more than 300 Theta alumnae!

14 **Gamma Delta** alumnae at **Georgia** enjoyed a tour of the Cloister Hotel on Sea Island, Ga., during their 24th annual reunion. Previous reunion locations have included Athens, Big Canoe, Savannah, Hilton Head, and Charleston. Pictured are (seated) Gloria Butler Cobb, Marilyn Eckerman Newman, Shirley Gleason Dillon, Marta Bender Torrey, Carole Fichtel Nolan, Anne Johnston

Davis, Bootie Gowen Wood, (standing) Jeanne Sawyer Aycok, Emily Noel, Mary Wildes Crum, Martha Moore Thom, Cler Colson Cole, Patsy Adams Smith, Rowena Jones Clyatt, Janet Emmons McKean, Sheila Glass McKinney, Gloria Fechtel Andrew, Peggy Delamater Eades, Anne Sullivan Haynie, Mary Danielly Ramsay, Elaine Hogan Crosby, and Nancy Marshall Reu. Not pictured is Susan Crawford Hardwick who arranged and attended the tour.

15 A reunion of the initiation classes of 1990 through 1993 of **Delta Chapter** at **Illinois** was held in August. The alumnae gathered for a picnic at the BoDeans concert at the Ravinia Festival in Highland Park, Ill. Pictured are (back) Mary Sasek Joyce, Jenny Kuta Leahy, Margaret Metzinger Donnelly, Sheila Galvez Ulbrich, Kathie Valent Cihlar, Joanna Karafotas, Mary Jo Granahan, Amy Habbey Kuehl, (front) Lisa Ruiz Hepner, Tracy Rinker Vergiglio, Joanne Corrado Kier, Melissa Hickey Nuttall, Gigi Guarte Mathews, Carissa Lee Holmes, Alexis Andrews Cooper, and Jill Ahrens Pam.

16 Alumnae of the first three classes of the rechartered **Nu Chapter** (1959) at **Hanover** gathered for a reunion in Indianapolis.

Not pictured

Members of the class of 1968 at **Beta Iota Chapter** at **Colorado** met in August for a reunion weekend in Boulder, Colo. The alumnae visited favorite spots from their college years, shared pictures and memories from the past 40 years, toured local attractions, and even spent the night in the Theta facility, where they'd lived nearly four decades before.

Members of **Delta Pi Chapter** at **Tennessee** gathered for a reunion in Nashville, Tenn. While many of the alumnae live in the Nashville area, others came from as far away as Seattle. Lunch and an art show in nearby Centennial Park was enjoyed by the women—many who had not seen each other since graduation—nearly 30 years ago!

Twenty-nine alumnae from **Delta Zeta Chapter** at **Emory** came from all over the country for a one-night bash at the home of **Debbie Nickels Torbush** in Stone Mountain, Ga. The women laughed, shared stories, and even took a trip to the present-day Delta Zeta facility, where they visited with the collegians.



Carolyn Busse Ballard, AM/Missouri, Colleen Gallagher Combs, ΔΦ/Clemson, and Jeanne Buchanan Brice, ΑΣ/Washington State, attended the Chattanooga Alumnae Chapter's wine-and-cheese-tasting event.



Three generations of Theta sisters and real-life family gathered in Harbor Springs, Mich., for a family reunion. Sisters Anne Baker, B/Indiana, and Jennifer Baker Frederick, H/Michigan, were joined by their aunts Diane Harris Oldfather, H/Michigan, and Martha Baker Freeman, BII/Michigan State.



Christiane Hoffman, ZO/Loyola Marymount, an engineering recruiter at Qualcomm, was so impressed with the résumé of collegian Michelle Ma, ZM/MIT, that she encouraged Ma to apply for one of the prestigious team internships, typically reserved for Masters students. Ma was selected for the internship and attended the engineering group team meeting with Hoffman in San Diego's Mission Bay.



Alumnae of Gamma Nu Chapter at North Dakota State celebrated their 70th birthdays together.



In February, two generations of Alpha Gammas merged as mothers and aunts came to The Ohio State University campus to celebrate the initiation of their daughters and nieces. Pictured are (back) Patti Haraway Peters, Vicki Hess Bender, Annette Argue Bloomstrom, Jan Johnson Bartel, Ginger Bennett Mitchell, Janet Murray, (front) Chloe Bender, Gretchen Bloomstrom, Emily Patterson, Pauline Mitchell and Katie Lanesey.



The Columbus Alumnae Chapter held a senior service for the 2008 graduates of Gamma deuteran at Ohio Wesleyan. Pictured are (back) Miranda Simmons; Stephanie Bologeorges; Stacy Ling; Emily Phan-Gruber; ABC Deena Turnipseed Bilek, II/Albion; Lauren Hanhart; (front) Elizabeth Long; and finance advisor Elizabeth DiMaria-Grimm, BII/Michigan State.



Mary Pegg Moreton, Ardith Morrison Morgan, and Josette Farmer Nelson, congratulated Katie Busby, all EZ/Mississippi, on her recent election as Fraternity president. The women celebrated at the Epsilon Zeta Capital Campaign Committee luncheon held in Oxford, Miss.



Thetas from all over came together to celebrate Patricia Conner Coggan's, AO/Oklahoma, 50th Wedding Anniversary at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club in July. Attending were (back) Margaret Holloway Wells, Lillian Morgan Cox and Penny Sowers Buxton, all AO/Oklahoma; (middle) Marjorie Conner Ray, BZ/Oklahoma State; Carol Saulsberry Rose, Marian Long Hill, Dolly Peek Foster and Diane Douglas, AO/Oklahoma; (front) Sharon Coggan McBride, T/Northwestern; and Patricia Conner Coggan, Sandra Davis Malone and Mary Angus Sherman, all AO/Oklahoma.



DESIGNING WOMAN

By Jan Schmitz Mathew, Δ/Illinois

Rising to the crest of creative challenges, Jennifer Bertrand dazzled viewers nationwide to win the third season of **HGTV's *Design Star*** competition

Procrastination paid. From a field of 8,000 entrants, Bertrand was selected as one of 38 applicants to fly to Los Angeles for a casting call. From there, she landed a spot among only nine *Design Star* competitors.

"I joked with my husband that I'd be the first one booted off the show," Bertrand recalls. "So I looked at (the experience) as one big game. I love design—it's my passion—and I was just going to have fun."

Throughout five and one-half weeks of intense competition, there were no calls home or any "outside" contact for the contestants. "When he didn't hear from me after a week, Chris knew I was in it for the long haul," Bertrand says.

Her arduous path included a weekly design challenge and a budget to create everything from dining and living rooms, to themed designs from around the world, to the competitors' living space for the season—a Nashville lakehouse. Judges also narrowed the field weekly.

The final challenge combined tenacity, talent, and a few tears. Bertrand and fellow finalist Matt Locke, a Los Angeles designer, were charged with remodeling kitchens, dining rooms, and living rooms for two New Orleans families—those of a firefighter and policeman whose homes were damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Their parameters: A one-hour consultation with the families and a total of 36 hours, stretched over four days, in which to complete the renovation. On the first day, several gofers were assigned to help her find supplies such as flooring, granite, and paint. But after that, Bertrand was on her own.

"There was depth to the final challenge," she says, "because it showed what life is all about, which is people helping people. I really cared about 'my' family, and wanted

She lives and works in Olathe, Kan., but for nearly every day since August 3, 2008, Jennifer Oldham Bertrand, Kappa/Kansas, has felt much like Dorothy Gale when she landed somewhere over the rainbow in *The Wizard Of Oz*. It doesn't feel like she's in Kansas anymore.

Instead, Bertrand's at the center of a whirlwind that whips her from Los Angeles, to Connecticut, to New York, and even to Minneapolis's Mall of America. "It's crazy," Bertrand admits, "but a good crazy."

The journey began last spring when Bertrand, a huge Home & Garden TV (HGTV) fan, submitted a five-minute tape that highlighted why she deserved to be a contestant on the network's popular *Design Star* competition—the equivalent of *American Idol* for decorators. As co-owner, with her husband, Chris, of Bertrand Design, she had to her credit an impressive portfolio brimming with faux finishes, murals, cabinetry, artwork, and interior "makeovers" for a range of residential and corporate clients. Nonetheless, Bertrand waited until the last possible date to toss her fashionable hat in the ring.

Above: Jennifer Bertrand, K/Kansas, on the set of the season finale of *Design Star*.

to make their dream of a beautiful home come true."

One week later, Bertrand saw her dream become reality. Following HGTV's final "Design Star" broadcast, viewers across the country—including a loyal and enthusiastic Kappa Chapter bloc—cast their votes for the series' new star. The confetti fell on Bertrand.

"I was prepared to back away, because I was sure (the host) Clive Pearse would announce Matt's name," Bertrand recalls. "So when the confetti came down and I heard my name, I just stood on stage like a deer caught in the headlights."

"I've always had a subtle belief in myself, but this competition was every bit as hard as it looked. Sometimes, I feel like I'm still in shock."

For making it to the final round, Bertrand and her competitor each won \$5,000 and a seven-day Caribbean cruise. As the winner, Bertrand also earned a one-hour special on HGTV, broadcast on New Year's Day and entitled *Paintover with Jennifer Bertrand*. A new HGTV series, hosted by Bertrand and based on the theme of using paint as a cost-effective, secret decorating "weapon," currently is in the works.

"I really love empowering people, and my goal is to present a show where they can learn and laugh and not feel that they wasted thirty minutes of their life," she says.

The Wonderful World of Art

Bertrand's long road to *Design Star* status, and a spot in living rooms across America, started in grade school. The daughter of a United States Air Force pilot, she was a "military brat" whose family moved every two to four years.

"From fourth to seventh grade, we lived in Germany," Bertrand recalls. "I saw so many examples of beautifully timeless art and structures that had lasted 500 years, and those experiences influenced how I felt about design."

Bertrand also honed an early, and very keen, fashion sense. "When I was in third grade, I dreamed of being a fabulous fashion designer. I drew outfits for every day of the week, including pajamas, shoes, and all the accessories, and kept them in a notebook."

As much as she loved her many different homes, Bertrand also appreciated roots. And her grandparents' Kansas farm—the one "constant" in her life—led her to the University of Kansas where she earned a bachelor of arts in education, with an emphasis on ceramics, and a master's degree in teaching and leadership. While at KU, she also enjoyed the company of an unlikely classmate.

"My dad returned to his alma mater to earn his second masters degree in art museum education," Bertrand says. "We had some classes together, and he'd often loan me his notes." Since 1999, Bertrand's father, Terry Oldham, has served as director of the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art in St. Joseph, Mo. Her mother, Cathie Cordova Oldham, who lives in Mesa, Ariz., is a sculptor whose artwork is displayed in the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

Following graduation, Bertrand taught elementary school, often sharing lessons from the past, such as her third-grade fashion notebook, with her young students. She met Chris, a high school history teacher and soccer coach, when the two worked as counselors at summer camp. Next came courtship, marriage—and business co-ownership.

"I was approached to paint a mural at a downtown hotel and the referrals just built from there," says Bertrand of the serendipitous segue from teacher to interior designer. "Chris and I both felt it was time to take the risk."

The couple launched Bertrand Designs, headquartered in Olathe, Kan., in 2003. Together, they provide artwork, murals, cabinetry design, and faux finishes. In a recent interview with *The Olathe News*, Bertrand described their teamwork as "yin and yang," adding that "Chris is the calm, and I'm the storm."

Throughout *Design Star* competition and the months since, her spouse has held down the shop, while Bertrand maneuvers the media blitz. And despite the rigors of travel and short, sporadic stretches at home, she's not inclined to sacrifice either Bertrand Designs or a shot at HGTV celebrity-hood.



A *Design Star* is born! 1. Bertrand and four other finalists on the *Design Star* set; 2. Bertrand working on the fifth challenge: "Kitchen and Dining Room"; 3. For the second challenge, "Historic Home," Bertrand handpainted lamps; 4. & 5. Before and after shots of the New Orleans dining room Bertrand redesigned for the final challenge.



As Bertrand wrote in her *Design Star* qualifying essay: "What I'm doing now combines everything I love in one package: my passion for teaching; my love of design; my artistic talent; and my ability to make things interesting and fun."

Designer With a Mission

The concept for Bertrand's HGTV series exemplifies a cornerstone of her design philosophy: Creatively simple. "The design world can seem a bit elitist," she says, "and my goal is to make it user-friendly."

"People get bored with their spaces, so they think they need to buy everything new. Sometimes all it takes are fresh eyes, and using what you already have. The teacher in me wants to instruct on how to take particular concepts and make them flow throughout the home."

Bertrand's an avid paint fan and, among her clientele, she's reputed for signature wall treatments. One of her favorite *Design Star* challenges was a multi-layered, hand-painted Italian wall design, which had the visual effect of a wallpapered mural. "The real beauty was that it could be painted over," Bertrand says. "Part of creativity is being willing to make mistakes."

Another component of creativity is vision. Anything can inspire an idea, and "sightings" are duly recorded in Bertrand's ever-present sketchbook. "Most creative people are constantly thinking," she says, "and my mind is always reeling with new ideas. On a road trip, I might see imagery on buildings or a pattern on someone's shirt that prompts an idea. Art is everywhere, from the car you drive to the clothes you wear."

"When I'm in the middle of a design project, I think about

Bertrand's final *Design Star* challenge included redesigned the kitchen of a New Orleans home. From left to right: the kitchen before, during, and after the challenge.

it until I'm happy with the result," she adds. "I learn things along the way, but I could never lead a project to where I didn't absolutely love it."

"I'm also my own worst critic. I tend to be an over-achiever, but that's enabled me to do what I do."

The same passion likely will propel Bertrand to accomplish even more. Since clinching *Design Star*'s third-season top spot, she's participated in a holiday design event at the Mall of America in Minneapolis; has hosted numerous webisodes on everything from making simple holiday ornaments to refinishing a hutch; and also has taped an HGTV Designer Showdown. She's featured in the "Centerpiece of the Month" section of the February issue of *Every Day With Rachel Ray* magazine; has penned an article for *Men's Health* magazine on design tips for guys; and was interviewed by *The Washington Post* for a feature story on condominium living.

Bertrand's also in the midst of a personal design project—putting the finishing touches on a nursery for her first baby, due in March.

"My dream is to someday co-host a show with Chris," says Bertrand. "Viewers who saw him on the finale episode still contact me to ask if he'll at least make a cameo appearance on my show!"

"But right now, I'm just living for today. It doesn't matter where I am . . . as long as I'm with my husband and inspiring people, I'm happy."

There's One In Every Crowd...

Jennifer Bertrand has a gift for design — and a flair for words.

These excerpts are from a question-and-answer interview completed by Bertrand as part of her introduction to "Design Star" viewers and voters.

What's your most unusual talent?

When I lived in Germany, the bus rides were long because everyone lived in different German towns, so we always got creative on how to pass the time. I found that I had a knack for burping. I have to say that I was very proud at the time to win a burping contest against high school boys when I was in fourth grade. My parents, maybe not so proud.

What word/phrase do you say way too often? I happen to use the word "poopy" a lot. It cracks me up and sums up quite a few things and situations without being too offensive.

I also say "yee" a lot and clap my hands—remember, I taught elementary school.

What's your fashion style? It honestly depends on when you ask. I go through phases. Right now, I'm sporting an occasional mod-inspired style. I love to keep people on their toes as to what I'll think up next. The military kid in me loves change, and it's fun to play with your image.

What's your favorite color? I love the turquoises and blues of exotic waters; they feel like a vacation to me.

What kinds of music do you like?

This is where I'm all over the place. I love music as much as I do art and design, so my love of music ranges from Mika and Lilly Allen to John Denver and Queen and back to Les Misérables.

What's your favorite food? If I could eat dessert for every meal, I would. One of my faves is Cold Stone Creamery's Cake Batter ice cream.

What's your favorite movie? Anything with Will Ferrell in it. He cracks me up without even saying a word. ♦

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The author, pictured on her last day at *CosmoGirl*, with the editor-in-chief.

MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

By Devin Tomb, BΦ/Penn State

If it weren't for Theta, I never would have dreamed I could land an internship with *CosmoGirl* magazine. I grew up in a small town, and the people who actually worked for the teen magazines that I obsessed over in middle school seemed imaginary to me. They were too lucky to be real people, who had moms and dads, awkward high school pictures, and favorite books and movies.

Then I spent my first months of college as a new member in Theta, and I was exposed to experiences and lifestyles other than my own. My new sisters had big dreams just like I did, and they had no hesitation about making them come true.

In my Kappa Alpha Theta chapter, I met women who wanted to work for big financial companies, so they joined every financial club they could find on campus, signed up to be club treasurers, studied together for big accounting exams and didn't stop until Lehman Brothers offered them jobs.

In Theta, I met women who aspired to be the next public relations mavericks in Manhattan, so they mailed their résumés to every PR company they could find based in New York and didn't stop until they were employed on Fifth Avenue.

So, I knew I would have to do a *little* work to be accepted for an internship with a national magazine. During my freshman year of college, I applied for an internship with a daily newspaper, *The Indiana Gazette*, located in my hometown of Indiana, Penn. At that point I had very limited journalism experience, and even that small paper overlooked my application at first. But I'll never forget a short conversation I had with our chapter president and my best friend, Kelly Rippin, one night. "Just try one more time," she said.

I called the *Gazette* the next day—one last time—and the editor agreed to give me an in-person interview. Soon after, I was offered a summer internship with them, and by the end of the summer I walked away with six front-page news stories and an entire supplement that I created.

After that summer, Kelly, as well as four other Beta Phi sisters, and I encouraged each other to start applying for internships in New York City.

Kelly landed a spot with *CBS Evening News* with Katie Couric, and we lived with another one of our best friends, Jen Noel, who would be interning for Young and Rubicam, a

prestigious advertising firm. Erica Sukay and Katie Byrnes both earned financial internships at Goldman Sachs. And after sending my résumé to just about every national magazine in existence, I was chosen as the summer intern for *CosmoGirl*'s editor-in-chief, Susan Schulz, and her executive assistant, Rachel Mount.

On my first day at *CosmoGirl*, I was thrilled just to be allowed through security! Since I had only had a phone interview with Susan's executive assistant, Rachel, I had myself convinced that the whole thing was a hoax. I was petrified that when I finally made it to the 20th floor of the Hearst building, where the *CosmoGirl* offices were located, I would be unrecognized and turned away by cold-hearted, high-heeled editors.

But I glided through security and rode up the sparkling escalators to meet Rachel and the intern whom I would be replacing, Megan Reid.

I probably had the same image in my head as most people do when they think of a magazine's office. Sparkly white halls with clear glass doors separating executive offices, and racks of clothing moving up and down the office by editors in pencil skirts and four-inch heels. The *CosmoGirl* offices weren't much different, but those well-dressed editors certainly didn't push around racks of clothes all day. They actually had work to do, and so did their interns.

During a typical week, my job consisted of writing a blog for *CosmoGirl.com*; compiling teen news stories, called "clips," which were sent to every editor in the office; sorting through Susan's reader mail and passing on meaningful e-mails; writing stories for the website; pitching stories for the magazine, and pitching candidates for the annual "Born to Lead" and "CosmoGirl of the Year" scholarships.

I covered concerts by Lucy Woodward and Rooney; I assisted during or after interviews with Kate White, the editor-in-chief of *Cosmopolitan*, and the German band Tokio Hotel. I was shadowed for a day by high school students; I filled in for Rachel for two entire weeks and was then asked to fill in for the publisher's assistant for a week. I therefore developed relationships with people in the magazine business that will become golden keys to the doors I hope to open down the road.

We five Thetas had our good and bad days at our internships. But either way, whether I needed to celebrate the good days or cry about the bad days, my Theta sisters were always there to encourage me.

The best part about this experience is that, after completing this internship, I'm finding myself in a position to help other Thetas who are younger than me. It's a great feeling to see that I-can't-believe-people-like-you-and-I-can-really-do-this look in her eyes when I tell a new Theta about my amazing experience with *CosmoGirl*. It's an even better feeling to help my sisters who also share an ambitious attitude to accomplish their dreams. That's why I love this Fraternity so much. We're all ambitious, but we aren't competitive. We encourage one another. It does take a little work to find your dream job, and I couldn't achieve my dreams without a little encouragement along the way.

Editor's note: *CosmoGirl*, the teenage spin-off of *Cosmopolitan*, was published ten times a year and reached approximately eight million readers before ceasing publication in December 2008. ◆

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Kappa Alpha Theta is *leaping with joy* to be invited back to the Auburn University Panhellenic community to re-establish the Gamma Omega Chapter. The re-establishment will take place during the spring semester of 2009. Theta is already working with the Panhellenic council at Auburn to promote Theta's return and to get the campus excited about the addition of a new Panhellenic group. Please join us in welcoming the Gamma Omega Chapter back to Auburn. War Eagle!



timeline

- Jan. 7 • Educational leadership consultants arrive on campus to begin PR efforts
- Feb. 1 • Colonization Kickoff
- Feb. 4 • Pledge Service & Bid Day
- April 2 • Loyalty Service
- April 4 • Initiation, Chartering Service, & Installation

If you know a student at Auburn who would be an asset to the new chapter, please submit a letter of reference to Jenni Broughton, assistant director of chapter services.

You can submit the letter online via the online recommendation system, by mail to 8740 Founders Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268, or by fax to 317-876-1925.

If you are interested as serving as a chapter advisor on the advisory board, please contact Christa Sobon, college district president, at christasobon@gmail.com.



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For more information about once again hanging the Theta flag at Auburn, please visit www.auburnthetas.org.



NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE 2008 INTERIM SESSION

By Jamie Jones Miller, Alpha Sigma Tau 2nd Alternate Delegate

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) met Oct. 16-18 for the 2008 Interim Session at the Marriott Evergreen Conference Resort in Stone Mountain, Ga.

The meeting was a working session with three town-hall-style meetings and one general session, all of which reflected the work done by the board of directors, the Executive Committee, and the NPC standing committees on strategic initiatives to advance the Conference.

The 26 inter/national presidents, executive directors, and the NPC Foundation conducted their own group meetings during the session. All attendees had the opportunity to meet the 49 sponsors, either at their booths or during the sponsor luncheon.

NEW MEDIA INITIATIVES

Representatives of MediaSauce, a marketing/advertising company, presented a proposal to project the appeal of joining an NPC member group to potential new members and parents. Under the proposed "Sorority Life" brand, MediaSauce will launch several electronic media tools to help NPC reach various audiences and to publicize the sorority experience.

MediaSauce and Kyle Communications, both Indianapolis-based companies, were selected in July 2008 to coordinate and lead NPC's public relations and marketing needs.

NPC LONG-RANGE PLAN

The NPC Long Range Planning Committee presented its report on its review of the 2005-2010 plan and its focus on the goal of organizational effectiveness. Led by Carol Warren, Pi Beta Phi, the committee was directed to provide the Conference with a

forum to discuss how to improve current operations and to make recommendations on how to pursue a new and different course of action.

The committee proposed several resolutions to improve organizational effectiveness, which were considered during the general session. Committee members also facilitated small-group discussions to address opportunities for action on the:

- Role of the delegate and the alternate delegates,
- Appointment of committee chairmen and committee members,
- Method of conducting Conference business,
- Necessity of Conference rules and regulations,
- Executive Committee term,
- Importance of trust and transparency.

Recommendations and areas of consensus reached by the small groups were presented to the Conference for consideration by Warren and commit-

tee members Karly K. Burns, Delta Zeta; Jana Clayton, Alpha Delta Pi; Carol Coordt, Kappa Delta; Betsy Sierk Corridan, Kappa Alpha Theta; Jennifer Daurora, Alpha Chi Omega; Kathleen Salisbury Massie, Delta Delta Delta; and Lori White Scott, Alpha Sigma Alpha.

TASK FORCE ON SOCIAL PRACTICES

Earlier this year, the Task Force on Social Practices reviewed the Big Ten Social Policy Initiative. The NPC representatives on the task force are Susan Danko, Alpha Omicron Pi; Robin White Fanning, Phi Mu; Julie Johnson, Kappa Delta; and Carol Warren, Pi Beta Phi.

The presentation by the NPC members of the task force during the Interim Session discussed initiatives at several universities to address the alcohol culture on campuses. Those activities include peer-monitoring programs, co-sponsored event policies, and other programs. Deb Ensor, Zeta Tau Alpha, gave a report on behalf of her group during the task force presentation.

GENERAL SESSION

One general session conducted the business of the Conference, which included several amendments to the bylaws. Delegates voted on the name of the annual meeting of the corporation, the order of the rotation of the secretary and treasurer on the Executive Committee, the term of office of the Executive Committee, discipline, and the Membership Recruitment Acceptance Binding Agreement (MRABA).

Delegates also voted on two general resolutions: a College Panhellenic dues increase and National Advisor Appreciation Month. Resolutions that passed are posted on the NPC Web site and on member group Web sites.

2009 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2009 NPC annual meeting (formerly called the Biennial Session) will be held Oct. 8-11 at the Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina.

Above: Theta's president, executive director, and NPC delegation attended the NPC 2008 Interim Session.

Q Tell us about I AM, the nonprofit healthcare campaign you founded.

A "I Am" is a health advocacy group that promotes stem cell research. I started "I Am" because I felt like no one left church on a Sunday feeling like a vote for stem cell research was a "pro-life" vote. I believe stem cell research protects the sanctity of life. Above all else, we advocate education. I find that when people are presented with the facts, they find stem cell research well within their moral and ethical boundaries.

Q You've worked as an intern for a state senator who's running for attorney general. Tell us something about a political campaign that we probably don't know.

A The media will "pick" an image of a politician's character and personality and project it on the public until the politician you know as a person is someone entirely different than the person you read about in the papers. Another little-known fact is that politicians sustain life on pure fast food diets. I didn't know that was possible! All those preservatives must preserve their youthful looks.

Q Where would you like to be in 10 years?

A I always feel like I should have a glamorous answer to this question. In truth, I want to be happily married with healthy children. In my career, I plan to focus on health issues at the federal level. This might be working with a specific health advocacy group, or working to solicit more government medical research funding. I continue to believe women can have it all!

Q What profession do you think you would not like to attempt?

A I would NOT like to be an astronaut. Space totally creeps me out.

Q What is your most treasured possession?

A My scrapbooks. I have made one page for every month since high school and it's a great way to watch life evolve. My mom has strict instructions to grab the scrapbooks if the house starts burning down, then she can worry about my dad.

Q What talent would you most like to have?

A I wish I could sing, or I wish I had the sense to not sing. But I can't, and I don't. I would love to be able to belt out beautiful music, even if only in the car or shower.

Q What is your favorite activity on a rainy day?

A Baking. It's a complete cathartic release. I get in comfort food ruts, and have been stuck on poppy seed muffins for months.

Q What has been your greatest challenge?

A When I started my stem cell advocacy work, many of my Christian peers turned on me. It was the first time I felt out of bounds or was ever accused of being in "the wrong." It was painful. It was eye-opening. I found out it is easy to stand up for your convictions with a team behind you, but difficult and lonely to follow your heart when you're going against the tide.

Q Who are your heroes?

A My sister. She is a free spirit who dances to her own beat. She views the world in a way more beautiful than anyone else I know.

Nelson Mandela. He could have retaliated and punished those who had harmed and imprisoned him, but instead he set a precedent of peace and forgiveness.

Q What word do you think you probably overuse?

A The word *aforementioned*. I think it sounds really great all the time. I'll happily refer back to something previously mentioned just to toss it in.

Q What do you value in your friends?

A Loyalty. I would rather have a flawed friend who is loyal in the end, than a flawless friend who thinks the way I think but is quick to abandon me in rough patches. Life has rough patches!

Q What is your fondest Theta memory?

A It is a toss-up between the year we dominated watermelon polo during Greek Week games (and I ended up with a black eye), or any hayride. Hayride is one of my top ten college memories every year. ♦



In Her Own Words

Q&A With a Theta of Note

It's been an exciting year for

Laura Merritt, AM/Missouri! *She*

was recognized as one of Glamour

magazine's Top 10 College Women

for 2008 and also named as one of

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good in any field.

ENHANCING ALUMNAE/COLLEGE INTERACTION

By Heather Breuninger Granato, EΨ/Richmond, District VII alumnae district officer

While we easily talk about "Theta for a Lifetime," it can be difficult to actually walk the walk. College lives are filled with activity, and a world of possibilities lie ahead; alumnae lives are a balance between our Theta membership, families, careers, volunteerism, and more.

However, it is apparent that strong interactions between college and alumnae chapters are not only rewarding to the members, but also synergistically enhance the strength of each part. It is not mere coincidence that the college chapters recognized at Grand Convention as Golden Kite chapters so often are complemented by thriving alumnae chapters in their areas.

In spring 2008, Kappa Alpha Theta launched a project to enhance communication and interaction between alumnae and college chapters and to offer suggestions on possible new paths to explore together. More than half of our alumnae chapter presidents responded anonymously to an online survey, sharing their thoughts on alumnae/collegian interaction and providing unique insight into their experiences.

Three-quarters of alumnae chapters report they are supporting or interacting with a college chapter in some way. These alumnae chapter presidents perceive the importance of enhancing relationships between college and alumnae chapters. "Building a strong relationship between the alumnae and the college chapter is critical to the growth and success of both groups," one Theta alumna said. "We are in a period of rebuilding and have made our relationship with the college chapter a priority."

The majority of chapters that are supporting a college chapter report interaction linked to Founders Day. Alumnae chapters report they are often the organizer for such events, working with the college chapter to set a date and get an accurate count for attendance; some chapters find asking their members to try to intermingle at tables helps ensure maximum interaction among the two groups.

Interaction with college seniors is also a priority for many alumnae chapters. Senior celebrations or senior send-off events designed to congratulate the

seniors and provide them with a personal invitation to join an alumnae chapter take many forms. Among these are picnics, potlucks, dessert or ice cream parties, or even a cooking class. Alumnae often make use of the Senior Service from the *Kappa Alpha Theta Ritual Book*, and provide the graduating seniors with some type of small gift (i.e., key chain, picture frame, vase, etc.).

Of the alumnae chapters that are not supporting a college chapter, geographic distance is the main challenge. "I have fond memories of alumnae being involved with my college chapter, and wish that I were in a position to do the same now as an alumna," noted one respondent from the East Coast.

Fortunately, distance is not an insurmountable obstacle. The Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter, for example, adopted the Beta Delta Chapter at the University of Arizona in Tucson, and works closely with the Tucson Alumnae Chapter to providing funding and personal notes for events such as initiation and graduation.

Communication is a cornerstone of building the college/alumnae chapter relationship. Many alumnae reported that the continuing transition of officers in the college chapter makes it challenging to know who is a "point person" for discussing support and event opportunities. A number of alumnae chapters have addressed this proactively by working closely with the advisory board, even inviting a member of the advisory board to serve as an alumnae board liaison to help with communications. Alumnae also urged the college women to take a proactive step to reach out to the alumnae group, perhaps immediately after Chapter Development Day, to review chapter calendars and set specific goals and time lines for support.

Alumnae and college women at Grand Convention 2008 in Miami expressed their desires to have greater interaction between their groups. With a little initiative and understanding of the pressures we all face at different times in our lives, our alumnae and college chapters have a great opportunity to realize "Theta for a Lifetime" is, indeed, an achievable "True Promise."

SHARED EVENTS & SUPPORT

Alumnae are interacting with college women via a variety of activities and are providing a strong base of support. They are supplying members to advisory boards and facility corporation boards; assisting with recruitment and initiation; and dispersing funds for scholarships, facility gifts, ritual items and even general support. The most frequently cited shared events were Founders Day (often tied in with a scholarship presentation by the collegians) and Senior Service. However, there were also many unique ideas that could easily be adapted.

Trick-or-treat at the facility for alumnae children and CASA children

Joint cooking class with easy-to-make recipes

Decorate the facility for the holidays, with alumnae bringing cookies and cider, collegians providing decorations; consider trying in a toy drive for local CASA

Alumnae host a new member welcome event, such as a picnic or dessert reception

Host a career day or networking event, including review of résumés and job applications

Field a team to take part in the college philanthropy event, whether kicks for CASA or a bowl-a-thon

Coordinate an Easter egg hunt with collegians, alumnae, alumnae children and CASA children

Co-host a tailgate or barbecue at the facility during homecoming

If you take a train marked for Bassano del Grappa from the Santa Lucia station in Venice, you will probably be the only American on the train, having left behind hordes of tourists wandering the canals and alleyways of Venice. The train will slowly pull out of the station and cross over the Causeway, a small strip of land over the marshes of Venice that connects the city to mainland Italy. Venice, with its lagoons and towering campanile, will slowly fade from view and flat green fields dotted with provincial Italian homes will quickly pass by your window.

Upon arriving in Bassano, an old Italian town encircled by its original city wall, you will need to walk about two blocks to a bus lot, and, after a bit of inquiry, you should be able to find a bus going to Paderno del Grappa. Probably the only reason that you would want to go to Paderno del Grappa is because you are a student headed towards the Istituto Filippin. The Istituto is an Italian boarding school that allows CIMBA, a business-oriented study-abroad program for American college students, to use its extra building space as the program's campus.

Paderno is small, with one central roundabout that serves as the town's pseudo city center. It is surrounded by a hotel, bar, coffee shop, boutique, pharmacy, and bank. This may sound quite large, but these small businesses are run by a single person or family and are supported mainly through sales to the American and Italian students. So the residents smile as they see the busloads of students arriving for the school term, partly because of the expected increase of sales and partly because of the amusement that the students are to sure to provide in this quiet Italian town at the base of Mount Grappa. I am sure the locals of Paderno have



countless, highly entertaining tales of the American students who come each semester looking for adventure and excitement. Here, in this small town of American and Italian students living and studying away from their homes, is where four Thetas, unbeknownst to one another, had decided to study abroad in the spring of 2008.

You really never can tell when you are going to run into a Theta sister, and when you do it is always a special feeling to have that instant connection. When I planned to study abroad, I was the only Theta from my university going on this program. It never crossed my mind that there might be other Thetas on the program from the other participating universities. Being so far from home, I thought the world

would seem bigger, but I came to realize what a small world we live in and how many unique connections there can be between people.

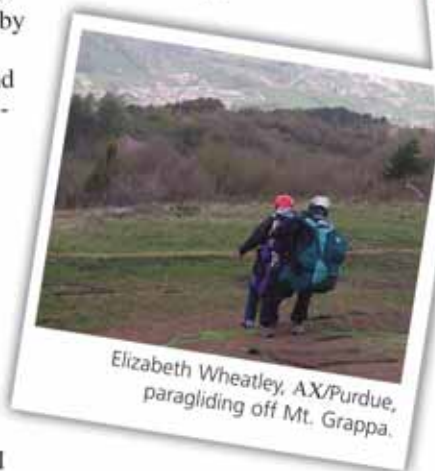
There were about 120 students on the program. It took about a week for us to find each other — four different Thetas from four different universities — together in Paderno del Grappa, Italy, for a semester abroad. Jessica Leiker is

a member of the Kappa Chapter at the University of Kansas in Lawrence; I am a member of the Delta Kappa Chapter at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge; Elizabeth Wheatley is a member of the Alpha Chi Chapter at Purdue in West Lafayette; Danielle Borsh is a member of the Delta Omicron Chapter at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. For that semester, we were something of an ad hoc Theta chapter in Northern Italy!

I know that we all brought back different memories and learned different lessons from the experience, but I am equally sure that little



Jessica Lieker, Laura Bowler, Elizabeth Wheatley, Danielle Borsh



Elizabeth Wheatley, AX/Purdue, paragliding off Mt. Grappa.



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Who We Are

Founded in 1960 to raise funds to support philanthropic and educational opportunities for the members of the Fraternity, the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation has become a vital source of support for members and the Fraternity at large. Created by Thetas, for Thetas, the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation is dedicated to raising money through our members and friends to strengthen our fraternity via scholarships, educational and leadership opportunities, and the support of sisters in times of need.

Keeping Up with the Foundation - Online!

Come check out the sleek new look and increased functionality of www.kappaalphathetafoundation.org. You can also find out more about all of these important Foundation happenings and much, much more!



Spread Love This Founders Day!

On January 27th we reflect on the joys of Theta sisterhood and the most important ideal, love. The Friendship Fund has always been a tangible demonstration of love for sisters in severe financial crisis. This year help us spread the love like never before. Get involved with Project Love! Visit us online to find out how you can make a difference this Founders Day!

Scholarship and Grant Applications Now Online!

In need of some assistance funding your education? Are you or your chapter interested in leadership training and other educational opportunities? Let the Foundation help you! Applications for Foundation scholarships and educational and leadership grants, plus all due dates and instructions, are available now on the Foundation website.

Foundation Annual Report and Tax Letter

Foundation donors will receive our annual report and a tax letter summarizing their total 2008 giving this coming January. The annual report will also be available on the Foundation website. Stay tuned!



Donor Recognition News

2008 Founders Society charms will be distributed in April 2009 as part of Foundation Awareness month. This gives us an opportunity to thank all Founders Society members for their support during our month of celebration! Also, stay tuned as the Foundation introduces new giving societies beginning in 2009.

"Hall of Honor" Makes Listings Available To All

Beginning with gifts made in 2009, the "Hall of Honor" on the Foundation website will feature all honor and memorial gifts made throughout the year. The posting of these monthly listings will be announced on the website.

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My 55 Years as a Gamma Chapter Theta
by Dr. Patty Payne Martone

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by Lyn Stewart Simensen

Marriage of Sue Thompson and Richard Bernecker
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by Julie Tye Simshauser

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by April Thompson Ritchie

Beta Rho/Duke
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Birth of Holden Belyew
by Karyn Emission Uptain

Birth of Natalie Gummersall
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Birth of Emmett Hoza Harootyan
by Martha Bredesen Hoza

Birth of Benjamin Johnson
by Charlys Milstead Dice

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by Ashley Parkman Smith

Birth of Gavin Letawsky Shultz
by Nikki Letawsky Shultz

Birth of Adele Stokke
by Karyn Emission Uptain

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by Kathryn Amsler Priddy

Sally Wulf Anderson
by Nancy Herring Rodgers

Sally Brown Angel
by SLO/Central Coast Alumnae Chpt.

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town and campus will always hold a special place in each of our hearts. For four lovely months I lived in Italy with four other wonderful and amazing Theta women, and I had the time of my life! We ate pasta and red sauce every day for lunch and dinner. We attempted to learn Italian. We survived class, leadership and decision-making workshops, and evening lectures about Western European business and culture. We drank wine and cappuccino and soaked up the crisp Italian mountain air. We traveled far and wide to places we had often heard and read about, and to places that we did not even know existed but were glad to have discovered. Then one sunny April afternoon, we left the same way we had come—on a bus that

took us to a train station where we each continued upon our individual journeys.

Eventually, we all returned to our own Theta chapters and I am sure the others, like me, were happy to be reunited with friends and share their stories of the wonderful times they had while off seeing the world! Even now they probably use Skype to stay in touch with sisters who are abroad or are encouraging sisters to study abroad. For me, studying abroad was one of the most rewarding experiences of my college career. It never ceased to amaze me that I was living in Italy, each day was an adventure in itself with unexpected surprises and joys.

Dear Thetas, I hope this story has brought back memories of your adventures

with Theta sisters. I would like to encourage each of you to continually seek out new places and adventures, not only during your college years, but for the rest of your life. Look forward to the moments that you did not expect, for these will impact you the most. Life is full of so many wonderful surprises, do not ever stop dreaming of what tomorrow may bring.

I wish you all pleasant and happy travels!



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